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WATCH NIGHT.

NEW DEPARTURE IN A METHODIST CUSTODY TO-MORROW NIGHT.

The Park M. E. Watchnight Service will be a Union Service—All the Evangelical Churches will Participate—Ministers who will Make Addresses.

A religious service on the eve of the dawn of a new year and popularly known as watch night service, has in this town been peculiarly a Methodist denominational service. A new departure in watch night services will be seen in the Park M. E. Church to-morrow night. The usual 7.45 p. m. service will be held, and at ten o'clock the regular watch night service will begin and will partake of the character of a union meeting, and in which most of the churches that are identified with the Evangelical Union will participate.

The ministers who in addition to Dr. Woodruff will make addresses, are the Rev. George L. Curtis of the First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. George A. Smith, D. D., of Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Rev. F. W. Bais of the First Baptist Church, the Rev. W. J. Hightshagen of the German Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Charles A. Cook.

Watch night services will be held in the Watessing M. E. Church to-morrow night, beginning at half-past ten o'clock. The regular programme of services outlined for to-morrow in the Watessing Church has been interrupted by the pastor's sudden call to Bridgeport, Friday, to the bedside of his dying brother. In case the Rev. Mr. Jackson should be unable to return, the pulpit will be supplied to-morrow by another minister.

The new year will be the topic of most of the pulpit discourses in the churches to-morrow morning.

Dr. C. S. Woodruff will preach Sunday at the Park M. E. Church at 10:30. Subject, "What New Year's Gift is Desired." 745, topic, "The End of Time."

A New Year's devotional service will be held in the First Baptist Church on Monday at 10 A. M.

The Paterson Sewer Project.

The joint sewerage investigation committee of Paterson will recommend to the Board of Aldermen of that city the appointment of Engineer Allen Hazen of New York as an assistant consulting engineer in the best and most economical method for the disposal of the city's sewage. This is the position for which A. H. Olmsted of this town and numerous other engineers were applicants. Upon Mr. Hazen's conclusions, after investigation, will depend the action of the city of Paterson in regard to the proposed Passaic river valley trunk sewer. If it should prove that an independent plan is the cheapest for Paterson the trunk sewer project will receive a serious setback. As it looks now, the trunk sewer job appears to be a long way off yet.

A Ghastly Find.

The dead body of a newborn infant was found on Thursday morning in the Morris canal between the New York and Greenwood Lake Railroad bridge and Belleville avenue. The body was discovered by some boys who were catching fish, and they notified the police. Deputy County Physician Simmons made an examination, and he gave it as his opinion that the infant had been born alive. Its right arm was broken and its head was bruised. The police surmise that the body was thrown into the canal from a Greenwood Lake R. Road train. The finding of the child's body created intense excitement for a time in the surrounding neighborhood.

An Experienced Sewer Builder.

Civil Engineer A. H. Olmsted, who appeared before the sewerage committee in Paterson last week, has a good reputation for planning and carrying out sewer systems. The fact that the Paterson committee telegraphed to Mr. Olmsted to come from South Carolina to give his views on the Paterson sewage problem is significant. Mr. Olmsted was engineer in charge of the sewer system constructed here and which has worked successfully. He has planned and constructed sewer systems for other towns and cities since he came to Bloomfield. His experience in sewer construction makes Mr. Olmsted a valuable consultant in the solution of sewer problems.

Christmas Festival.

Christmas exercises of the Sunday school of the Park M. E. Church were held Thursday evening. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity. The singing by the school was excellent, and the program as rendered showed great industry on the part of the committee and especially the talent of the primary department. The presents were distributed.

Christmas at Job Haines Home.

Christmas was celebrated this year with unusual festivities, which were shared by the Board of Managers and the members of the Westminster Band of Bloomfield. The singing of Christmas carols by the girls from door to door was the signal for the old people to descend to the lower hall, where the managers awaited them with the season's greetings. A large tree, beautifully trimmed and lit by tiny electric lights, reached to the ceiling, and wreaths and holly decorated all the lower floor. Rev. Dr. David R. Frazer, President of the Board of Trustees, gave a Christmas address, and more carols were sung by the band.

After other exercises the gifts from the tree were distributed, and each member of the home received a gift and a box of candy from the Board of Managers, and in addition a Christmas envelope containing a new two-dollar bill. This was from a friend outside the home. Ice-cream and cake were served by the girls of the band, which was their donation to the festivities of the afternoon.

An enjoyable social hour followed, in which managers and the home family became better acquainted than ever before, and celebrated the Christmas party of 1905 a great success.

The committee in charge of the celebration consisted of Miss M. S. Jarvis of Montclair, with Mrs. William Broughton, Miss S. E. Peck and Mrs. W. W. Hayden of Bloomfield.

There are now forty-eight inmates in the home, and it was a good showing that of these only two were unable to be downstairs and have a share in the afternoon's festivities.

Empire Theatre

The beautiful comic opera "Lady Teazle" will be presented at the Empire Theatre, Newark, New Year's week. "Lady Teazle" easily won Boston's press and public. The new comic opera proved one of the Hay's brightest musical offerings, and the Hollis Street Theatre was filled with polite crowds, nightly in consequence. Messrs. S. S. and Lee Shubert have certainly excelled themselves in the matter of lavish stage effects in their efforts to provide the best of everything in the way of gowning and scenic splendor for their latest New York Casino comic opera. The Boston reviewers agree that "Lady Teazle" is by far the "most gorgeously staged musical piece and by all odds the very best thing in the way of straight comic opera" seen in that city in years. Elizabeth Price as Sheridan's immortal first is evidently at her best. The noted singer and beauty is said to have never appeared to better advantage than in the present instance, both as to acting and singing quality and as concerns her remarkable personal charms. As Lady Teazle, we are told, she surely proves her claim to the title of queen of comic opera if she never earned it before. The "Lady Teazle" matinee attracted the largest feminine audiences ever seen in a Boston playhouse. Matinee New Year's Day and Saturday.

David C. Dodd.

David C. Dodd, one of the best known jewelry manufacturers of Newark, and a former alderman of that city, died there on Wednesday, aged eighty years. Mr. Dodd was a native of this town, having been born here November 7, 1825. After obtaining his preliminary education in this town he went to the classical school of Nathan Hedges in Newark, and when he was sixteen years old he was apprenticed to learn the jewelry trade. After finishing his apprenticeship he entered into business for himself, and continued in it until the time of his death. Besides being an alderman, Mr. Dodd was also for a number of years a member of the Board of Assessments, and always took a prominent part in the affairs of his adopted city. The funeral took place this afternoon from his late residence on Clinton avenue, Rev. Dr. David R. Frazer of the First Presbyterian Church officiating, of which church Mr. Dodd had been an active elder for the past ten years. The interment was made in Bloomfield Cemetery.

William Baldwin's Funeral.

There was a large attendance at the funeral service of William Baldwin on Sunday afternoon, which was held at his late home in Spruce street, and was conducted by Rev. F. W. Bais of the First Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Charles A. Cook. The several organizations of which Mr. Baldwin was a member were represented at the funeral.

Past Master Plich Honored.

Past Master Frederick E. Plich of Bloomfield Lodge, No. 40, F. and A. M., was presented with a past master's jewel by the lodge members Wednesday night. The Rev. William P. Taylor, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Orange, made the presentation. The jewel is a very handsome one and diamond studded and appropriately inscribed. Mr. Plich was deeply affected by the manifestation of esteem and regard on the part of his fellow members.

GARBAGE INCINERATION.

East Orange Councilmen Inspect a Plant in Atlanta, Ga., that in Their Opinion Meets the Needs of Essex County Towns—Can be Operated Without Creating a Nuisance.

Mayor Cardwell of East Orange and several members of the City Council recently went to Atlanta, Ga., to inspect the garbage crematory in operation in that city.

As garbage cremation is a matter that is soon to come up for consideration here, a brief description of what the East Orange visitors saw in Atlanta will be of general interest.

The garbage incinerator, as it is called in Atlanta, is located close to the business centre of the city, and only a few hundred yards from the new Union Depot. No complaints of it have come from the railroad officials, and they would be ready to protest at anything giving them or their passengers any annoyance. The site is the same as that of the second and third brick furnaces. The present depot is a new one, and the second Lester furnace antedated it, so that possible complaint cannot be used as a basis of comparison. The other neighbors made frequent protests, however, at the odors emanating from it. At all events, the present incinerator is no nuisance to any one, and even in and about the plant no odor was noticeable, except when one happened to be close to a loaded incoming cart.

The furnace is of steel; the stack, as far up as the roof of the building, and the side furnace walls, being brick-lined. The inside dimensions of the furnace are: 10 feet wide, 14 feet long and 12 feet high.

The material burned is mixed refuse, that is, kitchen garbage, rubbish, boxes, barrels, and, occasionally, a little manure. The bulk of the manure, the night soil, street sweepings and ashes are not burned in Atlanta, but are carried out of the city.

Up to the first of July no fuel, other than the coal in the furnace cremator, was used—the waste material furnishing all the heat necessary for its own combustion. During July it was found necessary to use cord wood on the lower grate, about 2½ cords per day. This condition extended decreasingly through August, which was due to the melon season.

Mr. Jentson, the chief inspector of the Health Department, assured the East Orange visitors that it was usual during the season to collect eight to ten loads a day in the negro districts, of practically nothing but watermelon rinds. These the incinerator dries and burns completely. The same gentleman told the visitors that he had seen in one day seventeen two-horse cart-loads, or over 500 bushels, of condemned potatoes dumped into the incinerator, and that not a fragment of anything in the ashes betrayed the fact. Every potato was dried and completely burned.

During the months that no fuel was necessary in the furnace the cost of operation was about fourteen cents per ton of refuse consumed. During July it was thirty cents, and for August it was not expected to average over twenty cents. This would make the average for the year only sixteen cents per ton.

The repair men have, so far, been extremely low. The only thing needing repair has been the concrete floor that is immediately over the furnace. There seems to be no other part of the furnace that could wear out or give way, owing to the care taken in adapting every part to its function.

During the East Orange party's stay at the incinerator a wagon load of condemned liver was burned up. A few days previous about 2,800 pounds of condemned sausage was consumed; also a dead horse weighing 1,300 pounds. It only took two hours to consume the animal.

The Mayor and Councilmen were favorably impressed with the Atlanta plant. They are fully convinced that the Decatur incinerator is the plant for East Orange. The Atlanta plant, with a capacity of 200 tons a day, cost \$31,000, exclusive of the building, which cost about \$5,000. The amount of garbage collected in East Orange in the summer does not exceed twenty-five tons a day.

Claimed He Was Drugged.

Charles Lacey, colored, of Montclair, was committed to the county jail by Recorder Smith on Sunday afternoon on a charge of larceny preferred by John Morling, also of Montclair. Lacey was seen in the company of Morling, who he had met in Montclair, and after a journey to Glen Ridge the colored man, it is said, gave his companion drink from a bottle which Morling declared sent "shooting pains" through his body, making him stupid and his mind a blank. Lacey, it is claimed, then stole the man's watch and chain and several dollars, which were found in his possession when searched in the police station. Morling was kept in the police station for safekeeping until Monday morning, when he went home.

SWINDLER ARRESTED.

Passed a Worthless Check on a Glenwood Avenue Merchant—Also Swindled a Newark Merchant with a Check Purported to be Made by a Local Business Man—Prisoner Has a Bad Record.

George Sutton, who gives Phillipsburg, Pa., as his home, is in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury on a charge made against him of passing a worthless check on Robert Meyers, proprietor of the Boston store on Glenwood avenue. Sutton, it is alleged, went into Meyers' place Saturday, and after making several purchases of clothing, perfume, gloves, etc., offered Meyers a check drawn to the order of William Johnson for \$150. The check was drawn on the Bloomfield National Bank. It was after banking hours, but Meyers, without a word, cashed the check, and the man went away. Meyers, when he found that the check was no good, reported the matter to the police, and they learned that Sutton or Willette, was stopping at the home of a man named Gordon, who has charge of the Morris canal lock at Montgomery street. Willette or Sutton was taken into custody by Policemen John Blum and Richard Bayless as he got on a trolley car at the Centre. He was loaded with goods, including shirts, stockings, etc.

While Sutton was still a prisoner in the local jail John Kirkpatrick of Newark, hearing of the arrest, visited police headquarters and identified him as the man who had passed a worthless ten-dollar check on him. The check was drawn on William Johnson, proprietor of a Glenwood avenue saloon. John Ashworth of No. 30 Orange street was in Sutton's place at the time and was asked about Johnson's financial standing, and said that it was good as gold, and he offered to cash the check himself.

A former policeman named Cyphers of East Orange also gave Chief of Police Collins a history of Sutton's records. The man's right name, Mr. Cyphers says, is Willette, and that he is a Morris county man of unknown parentage, who was taken from a reformatory when a small boy by a Morris county family. Willette, Mr. Cyphers says, has spent half his time in jail for various crimes. Chief Collins called up the Montclair police department, and learned that Sutton had been arrested in that place for passing worthless checks, and that he had been carrying on that kind of swindling for years past.

Chief Collins will inform the prosecutor's office of the man's record.

Letters of inquiry received by Chief Collins have been numerous. J. T. Adams, an Arlington tobacco dealer, called at the police station to report that he had been swindled with a bad check by a man named Willette. Charles Willette is Sutton's right name. Other inquiries from various places and from people who have been swindled by cashing checks for small amounts have been received by Chief Collins.

Major Lentz Re-elected.

A meeting of the Essex County Republican Committee was held last Friday evening at its headquarters in Newark. There was a very full attendance and much interest was felt in the proceedings, especially as to who would be successful in securing the chairmanship of the committee. Upon a vote taken, Major Lentz received 115 votes to 76 for Mr. Anderson. When the majority was announced there was loud and prolonged cheering by the friends of the Major. John S. Gibson and Franklin W. Fort offered amendments to the constitution, which, under the rules, were laid over.

"Prohibition and Why."

"Prohibition and Why" will be the subject of an address by the Rev. Dr. C. S. Woodruff in W. C. T. U. Hall, near the corner of Duff and Prospect streets, East Orange, Thursday evening, January 4. This meeting is the first of a series of monthly meetings to be held during 1906 under the auspices of members of the Prohibition party in this town and East Orange. All the meetings are free and the public is cordially invited.

May Change Headquarters.

There is some talk of the borough headquarters being moved from the fire house in Herman street to the library building in Ridgewood avenue after January 1. By the payment of rent to the library association the borough officials expect that the library can be made into a public institution. The Council will act on the matter on January 8. In the meantime members of the Council will hold a conference with the library trustees.

Baptist Parsonage Robbed.

The parsonage of the First Baptist Church in Oakland avenue was entered by a sneak thief on Friday night of last week and an overcoat belonging to the Rev. F. W. Bais was stolen, and also seventy dollars in money and some small articles of silverware.

First Church Guild.

Arrangements have been completed for the balance of the Guild course and a perusal of the list of the speakers and their topics will show that this year's course of entertainments will prove fully equal to the high standard of former. The next entertainment will be given January 15, when Mr. Evelyn B. Baldwin, who was with Lieutenant Perry in North Greenland in 1893-1894, and a second in command in the Wellman Expedition in 1898-1899, and the organizer and leader of the Baldwin-Ziegler Polar Expedition in 1901-1902, will give an illustrated lecture on "The Search for the North Pole, or Life in the great White World."

Monday, January 23 Mr. Richard A. Purdy will give what is called a lecture reading of Shakespeare's Othello. Mr. Purdy will give a brief history of the play, its source, its interesting but tragic story, the character of Othello and others in the play, and will then give renditions of all the great scenes.

The following week, but on Tuesday, February 6, Rev. Edward A. Steiner of Iowa College will speak of "Modern Problems in Russia." Prof. Steiner has been in Russia during this past year, has lived with the Russian people, was in Khabensk two or three days after the massacre, and saw the bodies of the murdered victims lying in the streets; so he knows something of the conditions of the Russian people. He is a most stirring and eloquent speaker, and is sure to prove one of the best speakers in the whole course.

February 13 Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, who sank the Merrimac in Santiago harbor will speak of "The American Navy, Its Brilliant Past, Its Glorious Future." Captain Hobson has been speaking to crowded houses all through the West during the past two or three years, and it is certain that the First Church will be filled February 13.

Three weeks later, March 12, Rev. P. S. Henson, D. D., of Tremont Temple, Boston, will lecture on "Fools." Those who heard Dr. Henson two or three years ago on "Grumblers," need not be told that a good laugh is in store for them when Dr. Henson comes again. The closing entertainment will be a concert, and the date and artists will be announced later.

Masonic Installation.

Worshipful Master-elect Jesse C. Green of Bloomfield Lodge, F. and A. M., appointed these officers, who, with those previously elected were installed Wednesday night: Chaplain, John G. Keyler and James J. Thompson; senior deacon, Henry J. Baker; junior deacon, Laurence Cauffman; senior master of ceremonies, Charles W. Moses; junior master of ceremonies, Ernest Cadmus; senior steward, N. Harvey Dodd; junior steward, Herman Walker; marshal, Samuel G. Hayter; organist, Robert Clark; chorister, Charles F. Koerber; tyler, Joseph Cliff. The standing committees for the year are: Finance, N. Harvey Dodd, F. J. Dahl, Charles W. Olmsted, Daniel Schleich and Eugene Cokelair; entertainment, Frederick R. Plich, George Peterson, Joseph C. Sallie, W. H. Roworth, Abram Doremus and Joseph Greer; rooms, John Causbrook, Albert P. Gattiker, Augustus P. Olsen, Frederick W. Brokaw and R. Heywood.

Lodge Elections.

James T. Boyd Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., elected these officers Thursday night: Councilor, Edwin Eilor; vice-councilor, John R. Lee; assistant recording secretary, Peter H. Springfield; conductor, Irwin Eilor; warden, George B. Rumph; inside sentinel, George J. Collins; outside sentinel, Robert Barnes, Jr.; trustee for eighteen months, S. B. Rumpf; representative to State Council and General Benefit Association, John Hibbles.

Garfield Circle, Brotherhood of the Union, elected the following officers Thursday night: Chief Washington, Frederick N. Moffat; Chief Jefferson, Daniel O. Stockton; Chief Franklin, Theodore F. Plich; honorable herald, James Ostles; watcher of the day and night, Charles Veesterman; auditing committee, Frederick N. Moffat, D. S. Stockton and John Flannery.

Knights of Pythias Election.

Eureka Lodge No. 46, Knights of Pythias, elected these officers Tuesday night: Chancellor commander, Charles F. Vogellus; vice-chancellor, Frederick E. Baynes; prelate, Henry H. Bradley; master of work, John Banta; master-at-arms, John Scholes; keeper of record and seal, Joseph A. Weden; inner guard, John Garalde; outer guard, Charles O. Johnson; master of exchequer, Victor E. Weden; master of finance, Frank L. Baker; trustee, Samuel A. Andrew; representative to grand lodge to meet at Trenton on February 21, G. S. Fornoff; alternate, A. T. Allen.

Mr. Koerber's Lecture.

Charles F. Koerber of this town delivered a lecture on "A Trip from New York to Switzerland," with stereopticon views, before 500 members of the Newark Boys' Club on Wednesday night. The boys were delighted, and exhibited their approval by frequent applause.

TOWN TOPICS.

NORTH JERSEY LIKELY TO BE A NET WORK OF TROLLEY LINES.

Owners of Fast Horses Want Neighboring—The Young Men's Republican Club—Rumors of Salary Increase—Firemen's Remuneration.

The air is full of rumors of new trolley projects. A Morris county company has plans out for a net work of trolley lines between Morristown and Boonton and Paterson. A Hudson county company, with which the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is said to be in alliance, is likely to a serious competitor to the Public Service Corporation for the rich patronage of Essex and Hudson counties. Passaic county is to have an electric fast line from Paterson to New York city, and the through line will probably have trolley feeders from various points in Passaic county. Capitalists are fully aroused to the importance of the trolley system of transportation, and active endeavor is being made to preempt all the available routes that are likely to be of value. If the Morris canal is abandoned a connecting link between the Morris, Passaic, Essex and Hudson electric railway systems is likely to be built.

Owners of homes are anxiously awaiting a snow storm that will make sleighing. There is likely to be something interesting in the speeding line on Central avenue's popular course with the advent of a spell of good sleighing. J. Gilbert Brady has some scores to settle with some of the Newark horse owners, and if Mr. Brady lets Tulak go on Central avenue before a sleigh it is predicted that the little mare will make a good showing for her owner.

The action of the Young Men's Republican Club in favoring the election of Lathrop Anderson for chairman of the Essex County Republican Committee is consistent with the political line of action approved by the majority of the members of the club since the inception of the Colby movement. The question that is causing some comment in political circles is, will the Young Men's Club hold to the same policy next fall? If it does the club's influence in local politics will naturally be used for the benefit of such candidates, even for local officials, as stood out squarely on the Colby platform.

Persistent rumors are in circulation to the effect that the Town Council will make some increases in salary among appointive officers. Members of the Town Council some time ago individually denied that there were any intention of taking such action with the prospect of increased expenditures for lights, sewers, fire and police department maintenance. The time is not auspicious for salary increases. The work of the Commissioners of Tax Appeals, both last year and this, show a wide spread protest against the existing rates of assessed valuations, and the members of the Town Council should investigate the causes of this protest and carefully scan the list of protests before granting any increase in salaries.

It has been pointed out that the allowance of a \$500 tax valuation exemption to volunteer firemen would be more profitable to the town financially than the payment of a fixed sum like twelve dollars per annum to firemen—the tax exemption of course to apply like the direct money payment to active firemen only. Under the old system only real estate owners among the firemen actually derived benefit from the exemption. Under the proposed new system non-taxpaying firemen are put on the same basis as taxpaying firemen.

Annual Meetings.

The annual meeting of the Essex County Mutual Insurance Company for the election of directors will be held Monday, January 8.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bloomfield National Bank will be held in the banking room Tuesday, January 9.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bloomfield Trust Company will be held Tuesday, January 9.

The Bloomfield Savings Institution has declared a semi-annual dividend at the rate of four per cent. on deposits of \$1,000 and less, and 3½ per cent. on sums in excess of \$1,000.

The annual meeting of the Bloomfield Building and Loan Association will be held on Monday, January 9.

Dangerous Thieving.

Some highly dangerous thieving has been going on along the Bloomfield branch of the Lackawanna Railroad and detectives in the employ of the company are in search of the thieves, who are believed to be boys. There are numerous switches along this branch of the Lackawanna, and to guard against accidents the switches are kept locked when not in use. Owing to exposure it is necessary to use heavy locks. The locks have been reported stolen from the switches of late, no less than four-ton of them having been taken.